

OPINION 1670

Calliphora vicina Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830 (Insecta, Diptera): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *carnivora* Fabricius, 1794, as published in the binomen *Musca carnivora*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *vicina* Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830, as published in the binomen *Calliphora vicina*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *carnivora* Fabricius, 1794, as published in the binomen *Musca carnivora* and as suppressed in (1) above;
- (b) *erythrocephala* Meigen, 1826, as published in the binomen *Musca erythrocephala* (a junior primary homonym of *Musca erythrocephala* DeGeer, 1776).

History of Case 2712

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Calliphora vicina* Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830 was received from Drs Knut Rognes (*Stavanger Laerhogskole, Stavanger, Norway*) and Robert E. Blackith (*University of Dublin, Ireland*) on 20 February 1989. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 47: 187–189 (September 1990). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received. As noted on BZN 47: 189, the application was supported by Dr A.C. Pont (formerly of *The Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*).

Attention is drawn to the invalidity of the specific name *erythrocephala* Meigen, 1826, which is still sometimes used for *Calliphora vicina*.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1991 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 47: 188–189. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1991 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink
Negative votes — 2: Lehtinen and Nielsen.

No vote was received from Cogger.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

carnivora, *Musca*, Fabricius, 1794, *Entomologia systematica emendata et aucta...*, vol. 4, p. 313.
erythrocephala, *Musca*, Meigen, 1826, *Systematische Beschreibung der bekannten europäischen zweiflügeligen Insekten*, vol. 5, p. 62.
vicina, *Calliphora*, Robineau-Desvoidy, 1830, *Mémoires présentés par divers savants à l'Académie des Sciences de l'Institut de France*, (2)2: 435.